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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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## **Photographs to be featured for April's First Friday at the Alaska State Museum**

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum will be open with extended hours on April 1 during the First Friday gallery walk with free admission from 4-7 p.m. The newest exhibit on display will be the traveling photography exhibition “Rarefied Light.” Sponsored by the Alaska Photographic Center, the annual juried show is funded in part by a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, and it has been on display in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai and Kodiak prior to arriving in Juneau.

Juror Keith Carter sorted through more than 470 photographs submitted by 72 Alaskan photographers, choosing 50 pieces to be included in the exhibit. Carter works as a fine art photographer from Beaumont, Texas, and was the recipient of the 2009 Texas Medal of Arts.

“The submissions to ‘Rarefied Light’ represent photography’s continued evolution and passion for life on our small, elegant planet,” Carter wrote in his juror’s statement. “Only photography can make the world factual, poetic, voyeuristic and participatory all at once.”

Much of the work in the show features Alaskan scenes, although other images were shot elsewhere in the world.

Best of Show was awarded to both Maggie Skiba of Eagle River for “Prodigal Daughter” and to Ward Hulbert of Anchorage for “Fire Eyes.” Honorable mentions were awarded to Brian Adams for “Ardith of Shishmaref,” Jay Barret for “Rotary Vista Rainbow, Kodiak,” Brian Beckwith for “Dream Hike,” Bob Hallinen for “Quonset,” Gary Postlethwait for “Waiting,” Ryan Romer for an untitled work and Kevin G. Smith for “Akiak Annie.”

“Rarefied Light” 2010 will be on display at the museum through April 30.

Winter hours at the museum are still in effect. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Summer admission is \$5. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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